

Appln. No. 10/588,609
Suppl. Amd. dated September 16, 2009
Further to Amd. filed August 20, 2009

REMARKS

A review of the amendment of the main reply filed August 20, 2009, has revealed some omissions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry and approval of the supplemental amendment presented above. Per telephone conference with Examiner Qazi on September 16, 2008, it is understood that this amendment will be entered and considered.

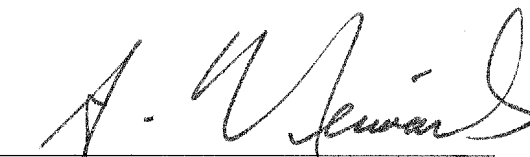
The only changes presented in the supplemental amendment presented above are (1) the reordering of the terms of claim 17, and (2) the addition of new claim 18 which is a method of synthesizing vitamin D compounds using (5E,7E)-(1R,2R,3R)-2-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10(19)-triene-1,3,25-triol, new claim 18 being presented in JEPSON form. This method is novel and unobvious over any known prior art. Insofar as is known, the compound in question has never been used in any method of synthesizing any vitamin D compound, and there is no known reason which would have made it obvious to do so.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a further examination on the merits.

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